

SWIMMING POOLS & RELATED SAFETY

With all the New England weather antics of late it is hardly the time to be thinking ahead about swimming pools, but maybe the thought process will speed up the change-over of the weather for us. More and more residential pools are being installed everyday in backyards.

Whether it is your own pool, a friends, the neighbors pool, or the local swimming hole – drowning remains the second leading cause of death in children ages 1-14. Statistics relate that children aged 1-4 are most likely to drown in hot tubs, spas and swimming pools. Children aged 5-14 most often drown in swimming pools and open water such as rivers, lakes, dams and canals.

Residential swimming pools account for 60-90% of drownings for children aged 0-4 years. Half of these drownings occur at the child's own home. Children who drown in residential pools are reported to have been last seen inside their house, have been gone for less than 5 minutes, and are generally in the care of either one or both parents at the time of the incident. As young children (and many adults) don't splash, struggle or make violent noise when in danger in water they often drown in silence.

Of the more than 3000 deaths from drowning (reported in 2003), almost one-third were children under 14 years of age; and for every child under 14 years of age who died from drowning an addition five non-fatal emergency calls are reported. Please take residential pool safety provisions seriously.

In Fremont, swimming pools over 24 inches in height require a permit. Whether you're installing the pool yourself, a general installer is doing the work, or the pool provider is co-coordinating the work for you, it makes good sense to get a final inspection of some basic and minimum safety code compliance elements. Many times you are best served by hiring a licensed electrician, skilled in pool installations, to perform the electrical work related to installation of pools. The National Electrical Code (NEC) provides an entire chapter related to electrical wiring requirements for swimming pools.

Starting this year – for residential home owners – a reduced fee schedule for pool permits is being implemented in hopes that all installations will take advantage of the inspection opportunities afforded them through the building official's office.

Visit the Fremont web site at www.fremont.nh.gov and pull down a copy of the swimming pool information sheet before starting the installation – this sheet will assist you in meeting some of the but minimum requirements as extracted from various code sources.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-b at 6:10 pm May 31, 2007 to consider acceptance of an Assistance to Firefighters Grant up to \$19,500 for the Fire Department for the acquisition of large diameter hose and fittings.

The meeting will be held in the basement meeting room at the Town Hall, 295 Main Street, Fremont NH as part of a Selectmen's Meeting. The Public is welcome to attend.

HEALTH WARNING

The winter did not kill the ticks! Those tiny Deer ticks that cause Lyme Disease have been with us all winter so there are more of them than ever in the grass and on the branches. Please be sure to check for all kinds of ticks on your children, pets and yourself every time you come in from being outdoors for any length of time.

Don't forget to protect everyone from mosquito bites by using a repellent with DEET. Please continue to let the Health Officer know if you find a dead bird by calling Trudie Butler at 679 8630.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN

The Fremont Historical Museum at 8 Beede Hill Road is open the second Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm during the summer. Admission is FREE.

Contact Matthew Thomas at 895 4032 for more information.

NH LOW & MODERATE INCOME HOMEOWNER'S PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

New Hampshire residents who owned a homestead subject to the state education property tax, resided in the homestead as of April 1, 2006, and had a total household adjusted gross income of \$20,000 or less if a single person or \$40,000 or less if married or head of a NH household may apply for property tax relief between May 1 and June 30, 2007. Visit the department's web site at www.revenue.nh.gov for more information about the program and to obtain Form DP-8. You can also call Jeanne at the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 11 to send you a packet. The deadline to file this application is June 30, 2007.

BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

There is a vacancy on the Fremont Budget Committee, which will be filled by appointment by the Budget Committee members, for a term to expire March 2008. This Committee reviews budgets for the Town and School District and makes recommendations for the annual town and school district meetings. They meet nearly every week from November through January, and quarterly the remainder of the year, to review budget progression and discuss matters with town and school officials.

If you are interested in the position for the remainder of the one year term, please send a letter of interest, outlining your interest and any pertinent qualifications to:

Fremont Budget Committee, Attn: Chairman
PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120

The position is open until filled by the Committee's appointment. If you have questions, you can contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 or Chairman Charlie Kimball at 216 7507.

ALEWIFE FESTIVAL

The Exeter River Alewife Festival will be held on Saturday June 2, 2007 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm along Swasey Parkway in downtown Exeter. The day-long celebration of the river includes activities for kids, walking tours of Exeter's waterfront, tours of the Fish and Game Fish Ladder, live music by a local band, exhibits by local artists and food by local vendors. There will also be a canoe/kayak race on the Exeter River and raffle with a chance to win a kayak. The rain date is Sunday June 3, 2007.

For a complete listing of the events and activities planned or to download the forms to register for the canoe/kayak race visit the E.R.L.A.C. website www.exeterriver.org (click the events link on the home page). Hope to see you there!

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

On May 12, 2007, the FGC joined with the Fremont Rescue Association for a Yard Sale at the Safety Complex. Thank you to the members and other residents who generously shared their plants with us. A special thank you goes to Douglas McElroy of the Newton Greenhouses and to Freshwater Farms of Atkinson for their beautiful donations for the raffle table.

All proceeds will be used for the town gardens and decorations.

CAMP FREMONT SUMMER PROGRAM

The Fremont Parks & Recreation Department is still accepting applications for Camp Counselors. Pay will be commensurate with experience (range \$8.00 to \$12.50 / hour). The Camp Fremont 2007 Program runs from 07/09- 08/17 with hours from 8 am - 4 pm. Employment applications should include a letter of interest, current resume, and completion of the forms that are available at the Town Hall or on the web at: <http://fremont.nh.gov/fnhgparkrec1.shtml> Contact Camp Director, Jen Jaquith, at missj1133@yahoo.com with questions. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

ACO UPDATES

Spring has arrived! Finally we are feeling the sunshine and warm weather. That means our furry friends and not so furry friends are waking up and joining us again. Many times the same animals live and return to the same area year after year. They build their nests and raise their young. Most of the time our paths never cross however with development, weather conditions and terrain changes many animals are forced to relocate. Just a reminder that if you come across a nest or burrow keep going. Mothers are very protective of their young and they will defend them. Most of the time when the young are old enough to move on they do. If a nest is disturbed the mother might not come back and the babies will not survive.

There are few simple things to help reduce human and wildlife confrontations. Keep trash barrels tightly closed. If possible keep barrels in a closed garage. Raccoons are crafty and will return each night if they can get an easy meal.

Yard debris and wood piles are areas of interest to smaller critters. Check attic eaves and sheds for any openings. Even a small hole is an invitation for an animal to set up house. Watch your birdfeeder for disturbance. If your feeder is on the ground in the morning Mr. Bear may have dined at your residence last night and most likely will return looking for another meal. Although bear sightings in Fremont are few and far between, they are out there and deserve our respect. Bears are a shy creature by nature. Unless a mother is protecting young they will usually move on without much fanfare.

Turtles are also out and about. If you see one, don't take it. It may have been in that particular habitat for years. Turtles travel quite far for such a small creature, but they know where they are going and their little legs get them there year after year.

Renee King, Fremont ACO

FREMONT LIBRARY

SOME NEW ADULT TITLES:

Fresh Disasters by Stuart Woods, Virgin Lies by Roderick Anscombe, Body of Lies by David Ignatius, Body Surfing by Anita Shreve, Miracle of Cat Fish by Larry Brown, Kingdom Come by Tim LaHaye, The Naming of the Dead by Ian Rankin, The Last Empress by Anchee Min, The Refuge by Sue Henry, Obsession by Jonathan Kellerman, 6th Target by James Patterson and Scavenger by Daved Morell (book and audio)

A BIG THANK YOU to our patrols who donate materials to our collections. Last month we received "goodies" from Susan Smith, Carol Priest and Joseph Dascoli. These donations are greatly appreciated.

TRAVELING PANTS UPDATE:

Come by on June 26th at 7:00p.m. to decorate the pants that have been traveling around New Hampshire. Enjoy some fun and snacks and chat with other fans of Ann Brashares novels. Can't make it that night?--the pants will be here for the rest of the week. A good time to catch up on all 4 novels in the series.

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Tuesday, June 19th at 6:30 pm. and TRUCK ON OVER to the LIBRARY for the SUMMER READING 2007 KICK-OFF EVENT with Musician/Storyteller STEVE BLUNT! In keeping with this year's theme "Reading Road Trip USA", Steve's performance is titled: "BOOKIN' DOWN THE HIGHWAY - AMERICAN TRAVELING SONGS & STORIES. This is sure to be a family-pleaser as always. Steve has over 20 years' experience in the arts and education. He lives in Nashua and performs throughout New England....His new CD: "OUTTA SCHOOL" is set for release in June 2007- hopefully, he will have some copies for sale at his performance. KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED for GOOD WEATHER, as we would like to hold this event outdoors. If so, bring your bug spray and blankets! If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be held in the Community Room. THIS EVENT IS FREE and OPEN to ALL FREMONT RESIDENTS!

REGISTRATION for SRP 2007 is REQUIRED and begins the week of June 12th. The six-week program will end on July 27th, with an ice-cream party for all children who have participated.

Throughout the program, children will decide for themselves how much and what kind of reading they will do on a weekly basis, since the purpose of the Summer Reading Program is to read for enjoyment.)

Instead of Reading Logs, children will be filling out "BINGO CARDS" - finish a row, get a prize - with the possibility of 12 prizes! The weekly guessing games will make their return! - Winner Takes All!

Take "Traveling Teddy" with you for your day at the beach, a picnic, a hike, etc. and snap some pictures or write in the journal about your adventures! Among other special events being planned is the Majestic Theatre returning for their performance of "Alice in Wonderland, Through the Looking Glass." For further information, contact the Library 895-9543 or roll on over!

TOWN CLERK UPDATES

The Town Clerk's office will begin the "mail - in" program starting with June renewals. A renewal notice will be mailed approximately 2 weeks prior to the month your renewal is due. You have the option of renewing your vehicle registration(s) either by mail or in person. **If you are renewing by mail we ask that you please read & follow the directions carefully on the renewal notice.** If you have any questions please feel free to call the office at 895-8693.

As of January 8, 2007 the Town Clerk's Office has the ability to issue certified copies of Divorce records. The date range for these records is from 1990 to within 6 months from the present date the request is being made. The cost for a certified copy is \$12.00. As a reminder, the Clerk's Office can also provide certified copies of Birth records from 1988 until present, Death records from 1990 until present, and Marriage records from 1989 until present.

ERLAC MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) is looking for two additional residents from Fremont to serve on the Committee, which meets monthly in Brentwood. ERLAC is actively involved with protecting water quality, water quantity and wildlife habitat in the Exeter River watershed. ERLAC also provides education outreach through presentations open to the public, a spring vernal pool workshop and the Alewife Festival. If you are interested in joining an active group of volunteers and interested in learning more about the River, please contact Theresa Walker of the Rockingham Planning Commission at 778-0885. More information on ERLAC can be found at the committee's website: www.exeterriver.org.

BOXTOPS, SOX TOPS & LABELS

REMINDER: Keep collecting and depositing your BoxTops for Education in containers at the Town Hall, Library and Ellis School.

Hood Milk Sox Tops = 5¢ for Ellis School

Ellis School students have begun collecting Sox Tops for Kids, through a program presented by HP Hood LLC and Red Sox Kid Nation. For every cap received, Ellis School will earn 5¢ towards items for the Nurse's office, which includes a new stethoscope. Sox Tops can be found on gallon, half gallon, quart, and pint containers (any variety and fat level) of Hood milk in the LightBlock Bottle® (the "3 A Day" Hood milk caps are also being collected.) Please rinse your caps of milk residue and bring to a collection container located in the Town Hall, Liberty Square Market, Village Market, Fremont Public Library, or Ellis School lobby. To find out more about this program visit www.hood.com. Further questions can be answered by Faith Levesque at 679-9537.

CHECK THE TOWN'S WEBSITE FOR UPDATED TOWN INFORMATION & MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS.

www.Fremont.nh.gov